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A Missionary Hymn for Today

O ZION, haste, thy mission high fulfilling,
To tell to all the world that God is light;
That He who made all nations is not willing
One soul should perish, lost in shades of night:

Publish glad tidings;
Tidings of peace;
Tidings of Jesus,
Redemption and release.



Proclaim to every people, tongue and nation
That God, in Whom they live and move, is Love:
Tell how He stooped to save His lost creation,
And died on earth that man might live above.



"THE WISE MEN AND THE SHEPHERDS"

At a Christmas Program of the American School for Boys, Baghdad, Iraq.

A Japanese Student Speaks

Note: In these days when our work in Japan is faced with the greatest crisis in its history and when the members of the Reformed Church are awakening to the necessity of saving Christian gains made in North Japan through more than fifty years of sacrificial labor, it may be both cheering and inspiring to read this beautiful expression of a North Japan College boy's vital faith. It speaks for itself and proves, if further proof is necessary, the tremendous effect the Christian religion has upon many Japanese students. Surely our beloved Reformed Church will stand by the Christian program in Japan and not allow it to fall now when everything is in readiness for a great advance.

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The author of the following is a fine type of Christian college boy, a leader in many school activities, an outstanding scholar and a most earnest worker in the church.

"If I have no religion, it means to me I have no life. To me nothing has its

significance of existence without religion. The sole purpose of my life is to build the Kingdom of God. Of course my part in building it is, I know, so small that it seems there is no relation between them. But Christ says, 'Thou shalt be perfect as thy Father is perfect.'

"Although we are accomplished each separately, we have still more to do. We have responsibility to society, that is the enlargement of the Kingdom of God. We often cry out, 'How very hard it is to be a Christian.' It is, however, not the voice to shun society but to fight with society and make it better. We cannot say yet, 'All's right with the world.' We must run the race of faith with unrelenting diligence until to the goal.

"But we must know the only way to the completeness exists in repentance and salvation by the cross. Men's work by itself is so worthless. Our Father is still working, so we must work too, following Him. My religion is all in all to me."

ARTHUR D. SMITH.

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The Quiet Hour

JULIA HALL BARTHOLOMEW

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.—ST. LUKE 2: 13, 14.

Ring happy bells across the snow . . .
Ring in the valiant man and free,
The larger heart, the kindlier hand;
Ring out the darkness of the land,
Ring in the Christ that is to be.

—ALFRED TENNYSON.

Every Christmas is but another rainbow flashing the promise, "God with us" to the world. . . . There are some in every nation, that kneeling, hail Him with newborn spirit.

—BENJAMIN A. SAND.

Only stay quiet while my mind remembers
The beauty of the fire from the beauty of
embers.

—JOHN MASEFIELD.

God can best show us a better world, a more
just world, a more worthwhile world if we
weigh values in silence alone with Him.

—L. B. MOSELEY.

If some one said on Christmas Eve,
"Come; see the oxen kneel
In the lonely barton of yonder coomb
Our childhood used to know,"
I should go with him in the gloom,
Hoping it might be so.

—THOMAS HARDY.

Of one thing the Christian feels sure—Jesus
Christ carries complete conviction to his soul.
He bears his own authority by his life, his character
and his message.

—ANSON PHELPS STOKES.

And Joy shall overtake us as a flood,
When everything that is sincerely good
And perfectly divine,
With Truth and Peace, and Love shall ever
shine
About the supreme Throne.

—JOHN MILTON.

The idea that the Son of God should be born
like any other babe! And to think that there
was no room for Him! Let these thoughts sink
into the heart as if they had never been heard
before.

—JOHN T. FARIES.

How wonderful to lift the awed face
And see the sky, a dome of jeweled lace,
And the blue moon, a polished knob on Heaven's
door!

God, when we turn the knob and enter in
What secret splendor shall we witness more?
Winter! A clean glittering soul, purged of sin.

—ANGELA MORGAN.

If I understand the Gospel of Christ right,
what He lived and practiced, what He bade His
disciples take to the end of the earth, that
Gospel is the only practical program this world
has for meeting every human need, whether the
need be physical, mental or spiritual.

—SAM HIGGINBOTTOM.

This vision—the dawn of new and better days
—can be realized only as a heavenly radiance
dispels the confusing fog of our worldly wisdom
and kindles within us the consuming flame of
divine devotion.

—F. SCOTT THOMPSON.

For Christ is for our evangelical faith more
than the wisest teacher, the best example, the
kindest companion whom mankind has produced;
He is the Son of God become man; He
is the Saviour of men, revealing God to man,
and redeeming and reconciling men unto God.

—A. E. GARVIE.

"All of the joy in a wild bird's nest,
All that God hid in a violet's breast,
All the soft wonder of twilight and star,
All that white caravans bring from afar,
All the wealth brought to earth from heaven
above—
All are yours as the gift of Christ's love."

Before the angels waked their golden gospels
between the plains of Bethlehem and
heaven's star-hung dome, God had written deep
in man's heart the dream that the Desire of
all nations should come.

—FREDERICK F. SHANNON.

"A little thought and word and song—
For so all worlds and souls are wrought—
The angels listen, life grows strong,
And God and men in love are caught."

The Prayer

BY the mystery of thy holy Incarnation; by thy holy Nativity and Circumcision; by thy Baptism,
Fasting and Temptation, Good Lord deliver us.—THE LITANY.

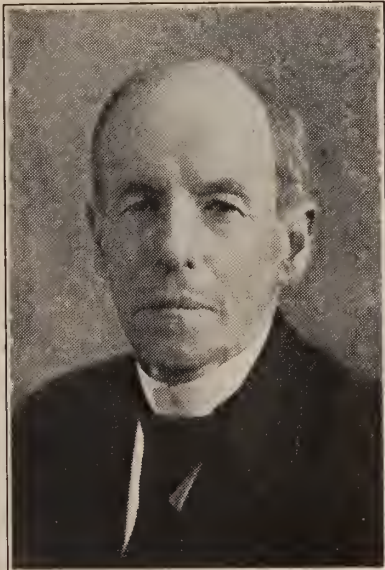
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OUR MOTTO: *The Church a Missionary Society—Every Christian a Life Member*

Faithful Unto Death



REV. ALLEN R. BARTHOLOMEW, D.D.

Born September 16, 1855

Died November 27, 1933

Kingdom work in Japan, China and Mesopotamia. To this end he directed his matchless sermons, his gripping addresses, his masterly letters, his thought-provoking articles, his intimate conferences and his chance conversations. Like Paul, he became all things to all men in order that he might win some.

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Pressed as he was frequently by the demands of the hour, he was never too busy to do something for the advancement of our missionary magazine. As we all know, he had fine literary and artistic taste and was ever eager to devote it to this "child" of his. With his pen, as with his voice, he was ever a champion of Foreign Missions. Many of his articles will be remembered, not only for their simplicity and beauty of style, but also for the continual revelation of his zeal for the work so close to his heart.

The work of Foreign Missions will go on, but the familiar face and the warm heart of a sincere friend will be greatly missed. May God grant us a like consecration and whole-hearted devotion to the Kingdom "without borders," whose Founder gave His life, His all.

JOHN H. POORMAN.

A GREAT heart has gone on. After a continuous service of almost 32 years as Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions, our beloved Dr. Allen R. Bartholomew fell quietly asleep in the early morning hours of November 27th. While we deeply mourn his sudden passing, we are thankful that he was granted his oft-expressed desire to "die in the harness." He was absent from the office only a day and a half before the end came. His long and devoted service in his highly responsible position as Secretary, and also as a member of the Board for 46 years, as well as his faithfulness as a preacher of the Word for 56 years, make a significant record in Church annals. These many years were filled with arduous labors resulting often in notable achievements and joyous successes. They also brought much of sorrow and tragedy to his heart. He was the confidant of the missionaries, for whom he always had an open hand and a sympathetic heart. They came to him as to a father, whose ear was ever open to their problems and their needs. Through it all he maintained an unflinching faith in God and in the Church of his fathers.

It was his firm conviction and constant practice that nothing be left undone to arouse the members of the Reformed Church to a greater interest and a more worthy support of the

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JOHN H. POORMAN.

Home Missions

CHARLES E. SCHAEFFER, EDITOR

*Though Christ a thousand times
In Bethlehem be born,*

*If He is not born in thee
Thy soul is still forlorn!*
—Angelus Silesius.

Notes

A NUMBER of our Missions issue monthly mimeographed "Bulletins." One of the most interesting of these "Bulletins" comes from the First Church, Pitcairn, Pa., and in the November issue we find that they observed Men's Night, Young People's Night and the annual Thank Offering Service of the Woman's Missionary Society and Girls' Mission Guild and joined in a Union Thanksgiving Service. We also learn that the men of the congregation dug five loads of coal, and put the same into the church cellar at a cost of \$4.50. The members of the Consistory are also taking care of the furnace. This is all volunteer work and shows a very fine spirit of willingness and cooperation. This "Bulletin" also contained almost a column of material calling attention to Home Mission Day. This Mission is doing excellent work under the splendid leadership of its pastor, the Rev. Howard F. Loch.

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Rev. E. G. Klotz, pastor of Grace Mission, Canton, Ohio, reports that the Fall work started with the finest kind of spirit and a slight increase in the attendance. Rally Day in October was thought to be the most successful occasion of its kind. At the Communion Service twelve persons were received into the fellowship of the Church. The pastor states: "If more of our people could get employment that would enable us to do something substantial on the apportionment, but while there is a slight increase in employment it is not yet enough to be felt in the giving."

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Rev. F. P. Franke, pastor of the Mission in Porterfield, Wisconsin, writes:—"Just received a check from Brother Wise and what a help it is right now when we have to lay in our fuel supply for the winter! Many, many thanks! We are going through the third milk strike this

season, the worst yet. The only income our people have is the milk check and for ten days now they have not been able to sell their milk, and who knows how long it is going to last! Nearly all of our people are not in sympathy with the strike but are forced to keep their milk at home. Besides all this our bank here is only functioning 25% and those that had some money ahead have it still tied up in the bank. A discouraging and difficult situation all around, but with God's help we try to carry on."

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The family of James M. Mullan gratefully appreciates the warm-hearted tributes to his memory published in the Memorial Number of THE OUTLOOK OF MISSIONS, October, 1933.

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The Twenty-third Anniversary of the First Japanese Reformed Church of San Francisco, California, was observed on Sunday, October 29th, with a joint service of worship in the morning, followed by an Anniversary luncheon in the Educational Building. This work was started by the Rev. J. Mori, who is now serving as the Missionary-at-large among the Japanese on the Pacific Coast. He brought the congregation to self-support nine years ago, when the Rev. S. Kowta became the pastor. Mr. Kowta is assisted by the Rev. Y. Saito, as Director of Religious Education, who is supported by the Woman's Missionary Society of General Synod.

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The annual meeting of the Home Missions Council will be held in the Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church, New York City, January 9, 10, 11, 1934.

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The annual meeting of the Board of Home Missions will be held at Headquarters, 1505 Race Street, Philadelphia, on January 16th, 1934.



1933 CONFIRMATION CLASS, FIRST HUNGARIAN REFORMED CHURCH, LOS ANGELES

"O Sing Unto the Lord a New Song!"

A REQUEST has come to the office of the Board of Home Missions for a gift of 50 or 100 second-hand copies of "The Hymnal of the Reformed Church." These are needed for the First Hungarian Reformed Church of Los Angeles, California, of which the Rev. Albert Hady is the pastor. The Hungarians are a singing people, and this particular congregation has always been noted for the excellency of its choir as well as its congregational singing. Up to the present time they have had only Hungarian services, but the pastor realizes the necessity of introducing English services for the sake of the younger generation. Like so many of our congregations this one has

met with financial reverses and is unable to secure the funds for these "English" Hymnals. In a recent letter, Mr. Hady stated, "I feel that THE OUTLOOK OF MISSIONS is a binding force among our Reformed congregations all over the world. I like it very much!" So we do hope that some of our readers will be willing to meet this request. In order that you may see what a splendid set of young people they have in this congregation, which is a Mission under our Board, we are showing you a picture of the recent Confirmation Class, with the pastor. We shall be very glad to hear from any of you who are interested.

B. Y. S.

A Fifty-Dollar Bill

THE following is an extract from an anonymous letter received by the Treasurer of the Board of Home Missions. The letter will speak for itself, but the Treasurer wants to express his appreciation to the unknown donor for the new, crisp fifty-dollar bill and assure the donor that it is already doing the work for which it was given:

"Enclosed is a bill. Please use it to bring joy to some home missionary and family. I wish it were a great deal more—enough to pay the worrying debt and adequately back the efforts and plans of our self-sacrificing missionaries.

"This money is part of a very pleasant surprise that came to me. I am sharing the surprise. This idea was presented and

stuck to me—that many cells are absorbed by the producing cells. Some one said I'd gain more personality if I spent my money on things to develop myself instead of giving it. I'm not so sure that there is much worth developing in that way in my personality and mustn't some be willing to lay aside their own plans a bit to help those who have better ones?

"Please give my congregation credit for this amount. I have no other way of

knowing whether this reached its destination safely except reading a note in the *OUTLOOK OF MISSIONS* or *Messenger*. I shall look for one. * * *

"I have had a very happy vacation. I hope that happiness this summer and a very pleasant vacation will be the lot of each and every missionary and Board member and Staff member at Fifteenth and Race and that their families also find happiness."

Victory or Defeat

BY REV. WM. F. DELONG, D.D.

Superintendent of the Church Building Department

"**H**OW are you getting along?" is a question asked frequently at present. How is the Church getting along? What about the work of Home Missions? Some may say we are facing bankruptcy and the sooner we admit it the better. They say we are not getting anywhere, we are slipping, why go on any longer? We see nothing but defeat.

Surely we are passing through deep waters. It tries one's faith and courage. A colossal task and not the wherewithal to meet it. Times like these require extra faith and courage. Who can know the end until he sees it through? We are in a great struggle and if we lack this extra faith and courage it dooms us to defeat.

I am afraid too many of us have grown indifferent, we too frequently belong to the "I do not care" class, or we say what's the use? To give up, let go, and sink into a dull, dismal lethargy is not only disaster, it is downright degradation.

The struggle, no doubt, is difficult in many congregations. Your Board of Home Missions is struggling with grave problems; sometimes they appear insurmountable. We think of the swimmer away from shore battling with the waves. He realizes the danger, even at times may be afraid, but he still believes there is a shore ahead. He reaches it by going a little farther, by hanging on a little longer. I dare say that in nine cases out of ten victory is won by going a little farther,

hanging on a little longer. This same principle may be applied to the work of the Board of Home Missions.

In spite of all that what we call "the depression," may have brought upon us, we can and must be victorious in this struggle. I am convinced that we have not only a financial depression but that the moral and spiritual depression is far worse. This can be corrected. There is a recovery from this which is in our power. There must be a deeper consciousness that we are laborers together with God. More emphasis on prayer, not that God will change things miraculously, but to get us into a proper attitude to see things from the right perspective and the willingness to do. There must be a heeding of the injunction given by Jehovah to the prophet of old—"Call unto me and I will answer thee. I will show thee great things and difficult which thou knowest not."

True we need money for the extension of the Kingdom of God, but first of all we need the passion for the proclamation and the establishment of the principles of the Nazarene. There is still enough money in the purses of the members of the Reformed Church if we have this passion in our souls to carry on and win in this struggle.

With Paul there was no defeat. He forgot the things of the past and pressed forward towards the goal. Can we do less? No defeat, but victory!

Our Home Missions in the Reformed Church

A discussion at the November meeting of the Reformed Churchmen's League of Schwarzwald Reformed Church, Esterly, Penna., November 8, 1933. Prepared by Elder Charles S. Adams, Esterly, Penna.

1. Of What Do Our Home Missions Consist?
2. What is Their Present Status?
3. What is Our Obligation and What Will We Do About It?

INTRODUCTION

There are four Boards and other Causes in Our Church.

This is only one of them, but a very important one.

May the report of our Board of Home Missions at the next meeting of the General Synod be one that will not need to be on the defensive, as at Akron in 1932.

The rank and file of our church membership can make the report favorable to all if we will. (*This discussion was supplemented with lantern slides giving facts and data.*)

1. OF WHAT DO OUR HOME MISSIONS CONSIST?

How many churches are on our Home Mission roll?

210 Missions with a membership of 24,240 and a Sunday School membership of 23,000.

Among how many nationalities are we doing Home Mission work?

Six: English, German, Hungarian, Japanese, Czechs and Indians.

How many of our churches today were at one time on the roll of our Board of Home Missions?

About two-thirds of them. In the last seventy years 900 congregations received help from our Board of Home Missions.

How many of our Mission churches are among the Hungarians?

Sixty-one, located mostly in the Pittsburgh area, western Pennsylvania, Ohio and the Calumet region.

How many of our Missions are among the Japanese?

Three, located in California. One of these is self-supporting.

Of what does our work among the Indians consist?

The Winnebago Indian School at Neillsville, Wisconsin, and the Mission at Black River Falls.

PERSONNEL

By whom is the work of Home Missions supervised?

By a Board of eight ministers and four elders. This Board has officers and an executive committee of five.

Of what does the Staff of employed or salaried officers consist?

General Secretary—Dr. C. E. Schaeffer, to whom also have been specifically assigned:—

- Department of Immigration
- Department of Country Life
- Department of Evangelism
- Department of the East
- Commission on Social Service

Departmental Superintendents:—

Church Building—Dr. Wm. F. DeLong

Department of Central West—Dr. J. C. Horning

Department of the Northwest—Dr. T. P. Bolliger

Treasurer—Elder Joseph S. Wise

Are there any other divisions of the work?

Department of the Pacific Coast—Dr. E. F. Eyemeyer (without salary and in conjunction with his work as pastor of First Reformed Church, Los Angeles, Cal.).

Advisory Council of Missionary Education—In conjunction with Board of Foreign Missions, Board of Christian Education and the Woman's Missionary Society of General Synod.

THE FIELD

How is the Church Building Department supported?

Largely through Church-building Funds of \$500 or more, through legacies, through the sale of coupon bonds, and through moneys collected on loans made to Mission churches.

How many Church-building Funds are there now and to what do they amount?

There are now 1,217 Church-building Funds amounting to \$835,546. Of this amount \$184,174 are Gift Funds, made outright to Missions.

The Departments of the East, the Central West, and the Northwest are set up for what purpose?

They are geographical divisions for supervision with a Superintendent in charge administering the work of the General Secretary and the Board.

What does the Advisory Council of Missionary Education do?

It is maintained jointly with the Board of Foreign Missions, the Board of Christian Education and the Woman's Missionary Society of General Synod under the supervision of Dr. A. V. Casselman. An appropriation of \$600 per year is made by each of the above. The Council conducts Summer Missionary Conferences, provides stereopticon slides, motion pictures and lectures on the work of the Church.

What does the Department of Immigration supervise?

The sixty-one Hungarian Missions; the three Japanese Missions, and the one Czech Mission. Also the Harbor Mission in New York City.

How much money is spent on these Missions among New Americans?

In the last triennium \$157,109 was spent in Hungarian work; the Czech Mission at Cedar Rapids, Iowa, costs \$1200 annually. The Harbor Mission costs \$1440 annually. The Japanese Missions cost about \$3100 annually. The Hungarian Churches pay very small amounts on the apportionment but they largely finance their own building projects.

The Woman's Missionary Society provides annually \$8300 for Deaconesses among the Hungarians and they also support three Japanese Missionaries—Rev. Y. Saito and two women.

What is the Department of Country Life doing now?

While no successor to the late Mr. Ralph S. Adams was appointed and no aggressive work has been undertaken, due to lack of funds, the office of the General Secretary takes care of all inquiries and does whatever is possible.

Why were the salaries of the Superintendents of the Pacific Coast and Evangelism Departments discontinued?

For economy's sake.

What does the Commission on Social Service do?

It prepares pronouncements on our major social problems. Among them are:

World Peace.

Old Age Pensions.

Unemployment Insurance.

Marriage and the Home—The Spiritual values of married life; discourages mixed marriages and the pledging of children of such marriages to either church.

Civil Liberties—free speech, free press, free assemblage.

Race Relations—Protests against discrimination.

Crime and Lawlessness—Fosters law observance.

Prohibition—Supporting it.

Motion Pictures—This industry ranks next to the Steel Trust and the Automobile Industry in commercial importance, but it outranks both in social significance.

Of what does the Winnebago Mission School consist?

It consists of a farm of thirty-three acres and school buildings valued at \$140,000.

It enrolls more than 100 pupils, and their teachers and helpers are housed in these buildings also. About one-half are boys and one-half girls. 80% from non-Christian homes of Indian families. Rev. Benjamin Stucki is the Superintendent.

There is also a Chapel Mission at Black River Falls, Wis., filled at nearly every service.

The Woman's Missionary Society erected the newer and larger portion of the school building recently at a cost of \$56,000 and spent \$5,000 more for equipment.

What is the official publication or organ for Missions?

THE OUTLOOK OF MISSIONS. It is published jointly with the Board of Foreign Missions and the Woman's Missionary Society. It has a circulation of 5,050 and costs the Board approximately \$600 per year.

When each year are Home Missions brought definitely to the attention of the Church at large?

During the month of November and especially on Home Mission Day, the second Sunday in November.

Is there any work being done among students in University centers by the Board of Home Missions?

Up to 1930 there was, but in that year this work was turned over to the Board of Christian Education.

Briefly what are some of the more important statistics of our Home Mission Churches?

Missions	210
Members	24,240
Missions raised for benevolence in three years	\$60,990
Missions raised for current expenses, improvements, and debts in three years	290,382
Missions raised for pastors' salaries in three years.....	151,963
Their total indebtedness is.....	2,131,345
The Board of Home Missions appropriates	122,155
<i>What is the salary schedule for Home Mission staff members?</i>	
General Secretary	\$4,275
Treasurer	3,078
Department Superintendents, each (three of them).....	3,078
Mission pastors (Av. \$737).....	122,155
<i>What is the Home Mission Budget as presented to the General Synod in 1932?</i>	
Executive	\$25,340
Departments—	
Church-building	48,940
Three Regional	152,320
Immigrant	55,200
Evangelism	1,000
Country Life	1,500
Social Service	3,500
Co-operative	12,000
Educational	11,000
Special	11,240
Advancement	25,000
Indebtedness	105,000

Total	\$452,040
Synod allowed	348,786
Budgeted in 1929.....	494,400

2. WHAT IS THE PRESENT STATUS OF OUR HOME MISSIONS?

Why is our Board of Home Missions in such an embarrassing situation financially right now?

The world-wide depression came so suddenly and unexpectedly that the Church fell down in its giving and the Board was unable to make immediate and adequate adjustments in its program.

What has been the policy of the Board with reference to expansion in past generations?

There was an established policy of increase for every triennium for more than 100 years. The Board began its last triennium on the same basis. The support of the Church dropped off and curtailment began. Expansion ceased.

Why could the Board not make immediate and adequate adjustments to prevent debt?

The 250 missionary ministers and their families on the payroll, getting most of their

salaries from the Board, could not be dismissed and the Missions closed.

What was the credit situation of the Board when funds did not come in through the Church?

The Board called on the banks to extend credit to pay the missionaries. This worked for a while but now no more credit is available, and salaries are paid only in part and a very small part at that.

How much does the Board owe in back salaries?

On November 1st, the Board owed \$125,000 in back salaries. It is as much as 15 months in arrears in some instances.

What was the total indebtedness of the Board at the close of the last triennium?

\$1,289,937.

What assets did the Board have at that time?

\$1,500,000 loaned to Mission churches. Other assets brought the total to about \$1,700,000. This leaves a net worth of about \$500,000.

To whom is this \$1,289,937 owing?

Coupon Bonds \$355,200, Individuals \$209,681, Notes Payable \$639,544, Accounts Payable \$85,510.

Has anything been paid during the past year on account of the debt of the Board?

About \$20,000 up to November 1st. However bills payable have increased from \$85,510 to \$125,000 so that the total debt has not been reduced.

Can the moneys collected on Church Building accounts owing the Board by the Mission Churches be used to liquidate the debts of the Board?

Only in part because most of this money was bequeathed for Church-building Funds specifically and much of it as church-building gifts.

When do the first Coupon Bonds mature?

In 1936.

Has a sinking fund been established to provide for their retirement when due?

The Board counts on collections on investments in Missions to take care of the redeeming of the Bonds coming due in 1936.

How are debts of the Missions to the Board being liquidated under present conditions?

Through the Mortgage Redemption Plan. Up to November 1st \$160,000 has been provided for in this way.

What do the total interest payments amount to annually at present?

About \$50,000. This is less than in former years because the Board has secured lower interest rates on some of the bank loans and on some of the coupon bonds, amounting to about \$5,000 a year.

How are the moneys coming in on the apportionment this year?

During the first six months the Board received only \$58,000 and paid \$57,000 of this to the Missionaries for salaries. Up to November 1st about \$90,000 have been received, or only 26% of the 1933 apportionment has been raised. 83% of the time has elapsed and 74% or

\$158,000 must still be raised in the last two months of this year if the total amount promised the Board is to be raised and paid.

How promptly were our Home Missionaries paid in the past generation?

For more than twenty years every missionary was paid his salary promptly on the first of the month. But not so in the present emergency.

Have salaries in the Board of Home Missions been reduced?

Yes. On January 1st, 1932, a 10% reduction was made in the salaries of all the members of the Staff, the office force and the Missionaries. On July 1st, 1933, an additional reduction of 5% was made in the above salaries or a total of 15%. Two years ago one-fifth of the office space was given up.

What other curtailments have been made?

Superintendents of four Departments were given up, namely, Evangelism, the Pacific Coast, Country Life and the Field Secretary.

Could all Apportionment moneys received be used to pay the back salaries of the Missionaries?

No. Banks closed their doors and money borrowed from them had to be paid.

What special appeals were made to the church membership?

Individuals were asked to contribute one month's salary to a missionary. This appeal brought in \$3,000. The Emergency Fund appeal fell far short of its goal. The Mortgage Redemption Plan has resulted in \$160,000 subscribed. Of this amount \$23,000 was subscribed by the unpaid missionaries themselves in lieu of back salaries.

Is the Reformed Church in the United States the only denomination that has experienced such reverses?

No. There are other denominations that have experienced like reverses, and some even worse.

Has the Woman's Missionary Society been of any help to our Home Mission work?

The Woman's Missionary Society has come to the relief of the Board at many times when it found itself confronting a real crisis.

What did the Woman's Missionary Society contribute to the Board of Home Missions?

In three years they contributed \$179,151 to Home Mission work. Of this \$100,163 was to the General Fund, \$13,645 to Catawba College, \$57,114 to the Winnebago Indian School at Neillsville, Wisconsin, and \$8,228 to Church-building Funds. The Woman's Missionary Society itself has 144 Funds on the books of the Board as of November 1st.

With such a record from our women who are organized 22,000 strong, what are we men going to do about it?

What was the attitude expressed by the General Synod at Akron, Ohio, June, 1932, as to the administration of our Home Mission affairs?

The following resolution was adopted unan- imously:

"It is the consensus of opinion of the General Synod that our Boards of Home and Foreign Missions are now in a distressing financial condition, largely because of a world economic situation; that they practiced only such financial procedure as characterized the attitude of the business world during a rather extended period of apparent prosperity; that they acted in just as good faith as did any other good business organization. Therefore, be it Resolved:

"1. That General Synod express its confidence in the ability and willingness of the Boards to meet existing financial conditions by following recommendations of the Special Committee on Board Operations and Finances, especially as they concern the reduction of administrative expenses and borrowed money, and be it further Resolved:

"2. That Synod urge the respective Classical delegates to make a special effort to convey this expression of confidence to the several congregations of the Classes they represent; and be it further Resolved:

"3. That with this confidence, Synod make a special appeal to the membership of the Church to pay in full an apportionment based upon a budget prepared upon the basis of receipts that may reasonably be expected."

3. WHAT IS OUR OBLIGATION AND WHAT WILL WE DO ABOUT IT?

Who is to blame for the plight of our Board of Home Missions?

We have not stood by our Board and have not fulfilled our obligations to it.

The Board may have erred in contracting the debt we now have but it is the result of the general prosperity program of a few years back.

The rank and file of our church membership that failed to provide the funds it budgeted through the General Synod, bear a great responsibility to our present plight in the Home and Foreign Mission work.

(Elaborated upon by the speaker in an inspirational closing discussion.)

Observations of the Treasurer

J. S. WISE

FOR over a week I have been hesitating. The time for writing my Observations for the December OUTLOOK OF MISSIONS had arrived. I knew what I wanted to say, but hesitated to say it for lack of a proper approach. "Keep an open mind and profit by criticism" suggested itself but was discarded. Next, "To get nowhere, follow the crowd" was likewise scrapped. Again, a congregational weekly Bulletin contained the announcement, "Our apportionment will be \$710.00. This represents a decrease of \$53.00 over this year's amount which is \$763.00." That hardly fits into what I want to say. It is so tragic! The congregation has a long and proud history back of it. A year ago it announced that the apportionment was about \$300.00 less than that of the previous year. For many years it always paid its apportionment in full. True to form this congregation will, without doubt, pay the \$763.00 and stop at that. Next year it will pay the \$710.00, thereby reducing the income of all the Boards and causing each Board to lose its pro rata share of \$653.00 in two years. The tragedy of this is appalling when applied to the many congregations having similar records. The General Synod of 1932 yielded and adopted the lower apportionment,

after hours of debate, on the definite promises of a number of delegates *to pay the reduced amount in full.* Will these promises be kept? We have only one month to go before the answer can be given. Don't cover up! The following story will explain what I mean—George H. Harrison, governor of the Federal Reserve Bank, said of a financial measure he disliked: "This is a lazy remedy. It reminds me of a story. 'Mary,' a man complained to his wife, 'I have only two clean pairs of socks, and both pairs have holes in them. What am I to do?' 'Put on both pairs,' his wife said. 'The holes are in different places.'"

This thing of "putting on both pairs" has about gone the limit. There is only one pair left and that pair is in a rather dilapidated condition. The lazy remedy will not suffice. The time has now arrived for the fullest cooperation of every pastor and every member in the Reformed Church by giving his wholehearted support. The socks will neither stand further "covering up" nor further darning. New ones are needed.

The Board of Home Missions has persistently covered up the holes by reducing its staff and overhead expenses to such an extent that it will soon be unable to

function at all. It finds itself caught up in a vicious circle. Nearly all its funds come to it "ear-marked," or in more familiar language, "designated."

That method is now becoming almost unbearable. It is a polite way of "ham-stringing" the Treasurer and places untold difficulties in his way. Formerly much of this now "designated money" came through the regular channels and the

Treasurer could carry on the work required of him unhampered and with dispatch. This "ear-marking" has made it well-nigh impossible to preserve the credit of the Board. "Putting on both pairs" is at best a mere temporary or makeshift remedy.

The real remedy lies in giving the Board and its officers your whole-hearted support, confidence and cooperation.

Church-building Funds

J. S. WISE, *Treasurer*

THE following is a list of Church-building Funds received since March first. It is gratifying to note the number that we have received during this time of depression. They have been very helpful to the Board in readjusting itself. They have been assigned to accounts in which the Board either holds First Mortgages or has title to the property. These properties were built and financed by the Board. These Funds, therefore, simply replace money that the Board had borrowed from other sources. No new buildings are being erected except the one at Pleasant Valley, Dayton, O. This property is being financed out of the Home Mission Day offerings of 1931 and the cooperation of the Woman's Missionary Society and Southwest Ohio Classis.

It is also interesting to note that these Funds come from three separate sources:
 First—from individuals \$6,500.00
 Second—from bequests 7,000.00
 Third—from W. M. S. G. S. 6,500.00

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 \$20,000.00

No. 1182—The John W. and Catherine H. Peterson Church-building Fund of \$500.00. Bequest of John W. Peterson, Xenia, Ohio. Invested in Calvary Community Reformed Church, Maywood, Ill.

No. 1183—The W. M. S. G. S. Church-building Fund No. 132 of \$500.00. Contributed by the W. M. S. G. S. Invested in Calvary Community Reformed Church, Maywood, Ill.

No. 1184—The Maria C. Bobb Church-building Fund No. 1 of \$500.00. Bequest of Henry Bobb, East Greenville, Pa. Invested in Bethany Reformed Church, Cuyahoga Falls, O.

No. 1185—The Maria C. Bobb Church-building Fund No. 2 of \$500.00. Bequest of Henry Bobb, East Greenville, Pa. Invested in Bethany Reformed Church, Cuyahoga Falls, O.

No. 1186—The John and Susan Smith Church-building Fund of \$500.00. Contributed by Miss Ellen R. Goetz, Nazareth, Pa., in memory of her grandparents. Invested in Corinth Boulevard Reformed Church, Dayton, O.

No. 1187 — The Louese Robinson Church-building Fund No. 1 of \$500.00. Bequest of Mrs. Louese Robinson, Hiawatha, Kansas. Invested in Corinth Boulevard Reformed Church, Dayton, O.

No. 1188 — The Louese Robinson Church-building Fund No. 2 of \$500.00. Bequest of Mrs. Louese Robinson, Hiawatha, Kansas. Invested in Corinth Boulevard Reformed Church, Dayton, O.

No. 1189—The Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Miller Church-building Fund of \$500.00. Bequest of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Miller, Mifflinburg, Pa. Invested in Glenside Reformed Church, Glenside, Pa.

No. 1190 — The Joseph and Rachel Stickell Church-building Fund of \$500.00. Bequest of Miss Katherine A. Stickell, Waynesboro, Pa. Invested in Glenside Reformed Church, Glenside, Pa.

No. 1191—The Katherine A., M. Belle and John Nevin Stickell Church-building Fund of \$500.00. Bequest of Miss Katherine A. Stickell, Waynesboro, Pa. Invested in Glenside Reformed Church, Glenside, Pa.

No. 1192—The Catharine K. Bealler Church-building Fund of \$1,500.00. Contributed by Miss Bertha L. Bealler, Lancaster, Pa., in loving memory of her

mother. Invested in Carrollton Avenue Reformed Church, Indianapolis, Ind.

No. 1193—The Rev. Charles H. and Sarah T. Slinghoff Church-building Fund of \$500.00. Contributed by Mrs. Sarah T. Slinghoff, Reading, Pa. Invested in Carrollton Avenue Reformed Church, Indianapolis, Ind.

No. 1194—The George L. and Julia A. Moorhead Church-building Fund of \$500.00. Bequest of Mrs. Julia A. Moorhead, Carlisle, Pa. Invested in Carrollton Avenue Reformed Church, Indianapolis, Ind.

(To be continued)

The Social Service Commission

A Great Labor Convention

"WE shall strive on for a better life and a better America. If we are practical in our methods, we shall the sooner achieve our aims."

So William Green, re-elected President of the American Federation of Labor at the annual convention in Washington, expressed the aim of the powerful labor organization of which he is the head.

About 600 delegates from all parts of the country spent nearly two weeks in early October in what was generally admitted to have been the most important convention ever held by organized labor. The convention was addressed by the President of the United States, by the first woman member of the Cabinet, Miss Frances Perkins, Secretary of Labor and by General Johnson, of the National Recovery Administration.

The President's address was delivered at the dedication exercises of a huge bronze memorial in one of Washington's parks to Samuel Gompers, who served for 38 years as president of the Federation before he died in 1924. President Roosevelt praised Gompers' trade union organization work, and referred to the criticism that he and Gompers, Senator Wagner and Alfred E. Smith received many years ago when they, working together, obtained the passage of a bill limiting the work of women in industry to 54 hours a week in the State of New York. "These early struggles for social betterment, largely initiated by Gompers, have met with growing success with each passing year," said the President. He also spoke with feeling concerning the fact that

child labor in the United States has at last come to an end.

On Sunday, October 8, the Zwingli Bible Class of Grace Reformed Church, Washington, D. C., was addressed by Mr. Robert Watt, Secretary of the State Federation of Labor of Massachusetts, and on Sunday evening, Dr. James Myers, of the Federal Council of the Churches, preached in Grace Church on "Labor and Religion."

Secretary Perkins, in her address to the convention, said, "We must go on with a unified purpose to an ever-improving standard of living and assurance of economic security for all our people and sufficient leisure to enable us to enjoy the blessings which our resources and our equipment can make available to all of us.

"These things can be achieved," the cabinet official added, "if industry recognizes that workers must receive increased wages and shorter hours of work in fair proportion as profits increase."

General Johnson in a characteristic speech warned the Federation that if it permitted the use of strikes on a large scale at a time when the Government and the whole people are intent upon seeing that the rights of every man and woman who works for pay are protected, the people would turn against organized labor.

"The old order is gone forever, and by no man's designing. All this has brought benefits, but it has also brought great griefs. The roaring, clacking, soulless complex of our industry and commerce have become a great and highly active machine of which no individual is more

than an integrated part. Each performs a specialized function. In most cases living income comes as a matter of determination by a power with whom there is no bargaining in any true sense. The individual takes what he gets and is thankful, and his separation from the particular ratchet in which he revolves may be a tragedy. At his doorway there is no longer an open road to high adventure in a new and brighter country, and even if there were such a road his specialization has utterly unfitted him to take it.

"I am speaking to leaders of organized labor. I have no words strong enough to implore you to acquit yourselves like men and American leaders in this great crisis. You are the boy at the Holland dyke with his finger in the crevice. You are in such a position in the life of your country as fate sometimes places men when the welfare of millions rests on the shoulders of a few. If you act as Americans have usually acted in the few cases where these great responsibilities impended, you can assure the future of organized labor. If you fail you will destroy it and with it the one greatest hope of despairing humanity in this country. We cannot stand another vast collapse. You are the principal props against collapse. You cannot escape your responsibility.

"In this new scheme of things labor organization has a new place that it never occupied before—new duties, new benefits, new responsibilities. In the old days of exploitation you had to form aggressive units literally to fight for the life of labor. You had to be sometimes militant and always on the alert defensive. That is no longer necessary with N. R. A. In the first of the codes—the cotton textile code—labor was not organized at all, yet it got in that case the greatest boost that workers in a great industry ever got, and there were erased some of the worst abuses from which labor has ever suffered."

Shall There Be a Labor Party?

There were at least three major issues before the labor convention. These are:

(1) Shall there be an American labor party?

(2) Shall there be concerted action in the next Congress for a work week in industry limited to 30 hours throughout the whole United States?

(3) Shall there be direct labor representation in company with capital's representation on the enforcement bodies for the codes of the N. R. A.?

The decision reached by the convention was definitely against a labor party. Labor definitely and clearly stands by the policies of the President. But this action by no means removes the American Federation of Labor from politics. On the contrary, it puts it into politics as never before.

The Executive Council of the Federation said in its report presented at the beginning of the convention that industrial recovery depends upon "much greater reduction in work hours and very much higher standards for minimum wages." The convention endorsed this declaration unanimously.

Clothing Workers Admitted

The Amalgamated Clothing Workers were admitted to the Federation. It adds at once at least 125,000 workers to the membership of the Federation. The membership of the Federation was reported to be increasing at an unprecedented rate in nearly all the crafts and trades.

President Green was the preacher on Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock in the Washington Cathedral. A special service was conducted by Bishop James E. Freeman, of the Protestant Episcopal Church. There was a large crowd in the great choir of the Cathedral to hear President Green speak on the relationship to religious organizations of the efforts of labor to better living conditions for the great masses of the people.

There was a marked spirit of optimism in the recent convention. The membership is increasing, the finances of the organization are improving, and the labor movement has the active and direct support of the federal government. The annual convention of the American Federation of Labor is an event of very great social significance.

J. FRANKLIN MEYER.
Washington, D. C.

Foreign Missions

ALLEN R. BARTHOLOMEW, EDITOR

*It isn't far to Bethlehem town!
It's anywhere that Christ comes down
And finds in people friendly face,*

*A welcome and abiding place.
The road to Bethlehem runs right through
The home of folks like me and you!*

—Madeline Sweeney Miller.

His Servants

FAITHFUL are His servants working,
In time's current flowing fast;
Facing all the rising dangers,
Working in the tempest blast.

On the land in light and darkness,
And in waves of cruel sea;
Servants of the Lord deliver
Many hearts from agony.

With great courage keep on working,
Pointing souls to yonder shore;
And in times of ceaseless changing,
Trusting God forever more.

Messengers of peace and sunshine,
Ever close to Jesus stay,
For they know the light is breaking,
Of eternal glory-shore.

F. W. LEMKE.

Japan is Calling to You for Help!

IN a letter from Sendai under date of October 28th, Rev. Elmer H. Zaugg, Secretary of the Japan Mission, enclosed an appeal which should have the *immediate attention* of our pastors and people. The missionaries who signed the appeal are members of the Finance Committee and of the Reference Committee, living in Sendai, namely, Rev. Carl D. Kriete, Rev. William G. Seiple, Ph.D., Rev. Frank L. Fesperman and Rev. Alfred Ankeney. They give a detailed statement of the serious financial situation of the Mission and emphasize the urgent need of adequate funds before the end of 1933. This need is plainly shown from the fact that on October 31st the unpaid appropriations, including missionaries' salaries, the salaries of the Japanese workers, and loans, amounted to Yen 160,254.32, or \$49,678.84 at the current rate of exchange.

In order to carry such a deficit, North Japan College and Miyagi College have been required to pledge all of their trust funds and, in addition, "secure short-term loans at the banks at the rate of 11% for interest. It is not only impossible to increase the amount of these loans, but, as the end of the year approaches, loans already made may be demanded. The Joint Evangelistic Board has had to post-

pone all payments to the workers, who are not at all able to carry such deficits in their personal budgets.

"Knowing that some of our pastors in America and many of our church members there have been and still are in deep financial distress, we have agreed to a delay of a month or two in the payment of our salaries, in favor of other departments of the work. But now we are four and a half months behind in the payment of missionary salaries. Up to the present time, we have been able in this way to save the work and the workers, but we are *all at the end of our personal resources and some of our number are in deep distress* because of unpaid obligations. Our evangelistic missionaries have had to give up practically all touring for evangelistic purposes, and in one case, for lack of funds, an evangelistic missionary could not respond, even when called upon for baptisms at one of the churches, where there is an unordained worker.

"As the end of the year approaches, when, according to Japanese custom, payment of outstanding bills is demanded and loans may be called in, our anxiety naturally increases. The acute distress at the end of the years 1931 and 1932 is vividly present to our minds and our present sit-

uation is very much more serious than it was even a year ago.

"We still have *hope* and our *prayers are daily for you and the Church*, who are so courageously bearing this burden. We pray that in some way *relief* may soon be found from the heavy financial strain now resting upon the Mission."

If your heart feels moved to do something to relieve the great distress of our missionaries and their Japanese associates,

kindly send your contribution to Rev. A. V. Casselman, D.D., 315 Schaff Building, 1505 Race Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

Share your Christmas joys with those who are valiantly upholding the Gospel banner against many and great odds.

Will the Reformed Church allow these noble men and women—47 missionaries and 248 Japanese pastors and teachers and their families—to suffer any longer?

He who gives now, gives double!

J. H. P.

Book Review

Manchoukuo—Child of Conflict. By K. K. Kawakami. Publishers, The Macmillan Company, New York. Price, \$2.00.

The author of this book is well qualified to discuss a very complicated problem in the Far East. As is well known, Manchuria has been a bone of contention for a number of years between rival powers. Great publicity has already been given to the historical background of Japan's relations with China, and to her treaty rights in Manchuria. As the writer intimates, "for some years to come, this youngest of nations will be much in the limelight. To some of her neighbors she may be an *enfant terrible*, even a nightmare. Geneva will continue to discuss her. America will reassert the non-recognition doctrine." Certainly *Manchoukuo* is one of the most significant developments in

the present century—a great experiment in the rejuvenation of an ancient people. "If it succeeds, the whole world will gain. If it fails, the failure will be due, not entirely to Japan's own incapacity, but largely to the interference of third parties." In sixteen chapters, Mr. Kawakami presents a composite picture of the human factors which were at the bottom of the trouble. As usual the Japanese soldier figures in the portrayal. The poverty of the Chinese people and the Japanese passion for extension of territory were also controlling factors. Evidently progress is in the making. Given the necessary time, Japan and Manchoukuo will work out their destinies to their mutual benefit. The chapters on China's internal conditions and her struggle with Communist uprisings, Japan's relations with Soviet Russia and Manchoukuo's foreign relations are most interesting.

Board of Foreign Missions

Comparative Statement for the Month of October

Synods	1932			1933			Increase	Decrease	
	Appt.	Specials	Totals	Appt.	Specials	Totals			
Eastern	\$6,777.01	\$209.10	\$6,986.11	\$7,188.62	\$284.31	\$7,472.93	\$486.82	.....
Ohio	1,827.71	302.59	2,130.30	1,000.60	287.75	1,288.35	.....	\$841.95
Northwest	717.04	69.98	787.02	454.70	12.00	466.70	.....	320.32
Pittsburgh	1,176.35	15.00	1,191.35	1,270.79	85.98	1,356.77	165.42	.....
Potomac	2,807.28	156.30	2,963.58	3,643.34	68.48	3,711.82	748.24	.....
Mid-West	759.76	30.00	789.76	437.04	6.00	443.04	.....	346.72
W. M. S. G. S. ....	.....	2,745.31	2,745.31	.....	5,321.93	5,321.93	2,576.62	.....
Miscellaneous .....	.....	10.00	10.00	.....	22.00	22.00	12.00	.....
Annuity Bonds .....	.....	400.00	400.00	.....	1,000.00	1,000.00	600.00	.....
Bequests .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	257.65	257.65	257.65	.....
Totals	\$14,065.15	\$3,938.28	\$18,003.43	\$13,995.09	\$7,346.10	\$21,341.19	\$4,846.75	\$1,508.99	
Net Increase.....							\$3,337.76		

"Have read THE OUTLOOK OF MISSIONS for a number of years and it is always full of interesting items concerning the Home and Foreign Missions."

MRS. J. E. WIRTH, Canton, Ohio.

"I am always glad to receive our dear OUTLOOK OF MISSIONS."

MISS HILDAH SMITH, Johnstown, Pa.

A Beloved Japanese Brother

MIURA OF SAKATA

ON Sunday, September 24th, a very large number of friends of the Rev. Tetsuzo Miura, of our Sakata Church, gathered at the church to pay a final tribute of love and respect to this Christian *samurai*, whose life had meant so much of strength and Christian love to them all.

Dr. Schneder, Mr. Nugent and I were among that number and counted it a privilege to represent the Mission whose members all held Mr. Miura in the highest respect and love. Arriving in Sakata just at noon we hurried by taxi to the Miura home, but as we reached the home, the procession was already forming to carry the body of their loved friend from the home to the church, several miles away. There were no vehicles of any kind in the procession. At the very head young men carried long banners with the name of Mr. Miura in Chinese ideographs. The coffin was borne on the shoulders of some stalwart young men of the church. Behind them walked Mrs. Miura, the son and granddaughter, and other relatives, each carrying a photograph, a candlestick, or flowers that were to be used in the church service.

The front of the church was almost hidden by the great number of floral offerings of loved friends. In front of the coffin burned two large tallow candles set in tall wrought iron candlesticks, and from its top looked out a smiling photograph of Mr. Miura. All the chairs and benches had been removed to accommodate the large number of people who had gathered for the service, and who sat through the long two-hour service, on the hard boards of the floor.

The service was conducted by Mr. Togashi, an elder of the church, a farmer, whose life had been transformed by his long years of association with Mr. Miura. Scripture was read by another officer of the church and prayer offered by still another. Mr. Momma, long-time friend of Mr. Miura, and now his successor as pastor of the church preached the funeral

sermon, recalling many acts and sayings of our departed friend. There was "sadness of farewell" to be sure, often suppressed with difficulty, but the dominant note was one of victory, so fitting to the life service and death of this great soul.

Messages of condolence were presented by the Governor and other officials of the prefecture and city as well as other intimate friends and people inside and outside the church who had benefitted by his Christian ministry. There was a large sheaf of telegrams from all over the Empire, even from distant Korea and Manchuria, testifying to the wideness of his influence.

Among the many things said at the service which reflected the life of this modern saint, perhaps none was more revealing of his spirit than the words of Mr. Miura quoted from a conversation he had had with Mr. Momma just a few days before his death. "When I get over



REV. TETSUZO MIURA AND WIFE



COOK MEMORIAL CHAPEL,
SAKATA, JAPAN

there, I don't intend to rest. I shall ask the Lord to give me a hard piece of work to do."

A Christian Samurai

BY KATE I. HANSEN

MANY in the Reformed Church knew Pastor Miura of Sakata. Of a Samurai family, educated in the days when every little Samurai boy, from the age of eight onward, went to school wearing two swords and expected to use them, Pastor Miura, when he became a Christian, brought to the service of his Master the same passionate, personal loyalty, the same selfless devotion, that the best Samurai gave to their feudal lords. He followed, through many years of strenuous service, his Master's command, "Feed my sheep." He was known and loved and respected in all that part of Japan.

In the midst of our Christmas preparations last year came the heart-breaking news that Pastor Miura had been stricken with illness, which the doctors pronounced to be incurable cancer, and that he was confined to his bed. While he fully realized his condition, the young people from Sakata who are in our schools in Sendai, and who revered him as a father, came back from vacation and told how indomitable was his spirit and how his happy trust in God had comforted and cheered them.

In a letter to me a few days later, he said: "A little Christmas decoration was made in the next room to my sick-bed in

The loss of our friends sometimes leaves us saddened and weakened. But it was not so with friend Miura. His passing left the gates of Heaven open for a moment, and there was showered down on us his friends a baptism of strength and courage, and a spirit of consecration to try to emulate his good example.

He was strong in death as he had been in life. And he could not be holden of death.

So has passed from our midst a Christian *samurai*, a Christian gentleman, a rare friend, one of God's choice spirits, a man of iron as his name Tetsuzo indicated, but a man of love, a worthy retainer of the King of love.

C. D. KRIETE.

the evening before last. Some fifteen little children were invited there. After red-rice dinner a few songs were sung by them. Then they returned home as merry as little birds, taking oranges and a bag of cakes with them.

"I was very much pleased to see the Sakata daughters (Miyagi College students) strong and joyful. I thank God that He has bestowed me many blessings during my long life. I feel heartily that I am one of the happiest men in the world. So I composed Japanese poems, *uta*, as follows, while I am not a poet:—

1. *"Arigata ya! waga mi ni masaru,
Sachi no hito, yo ni sae amata,
Aranu to omeoba.*
2. *"Kagiri naki Kami no megumi wo,
Kagiri aru kotobani,
Ikade home-tsukusu beki!"*

"All thanks and praise to God!

Within His world,
I think, not many mortals can there be,
More happy and more blessed now, than
I."

"The grace of God, that knows no bound
nor limit,

How can one ever praise it worthily,
Within the bounds and limits of mere
words?"

Third General Assembly of the Church of Christ in China

By REV. A. R. KEPLER, D. D.

The Church of Christ in China came into being as an organized body some six years ago, the first General Assembly being held in Shanghai in 1927 and the second one in Canton in 1930.

THE Third General Assembly of the Church of Christ in China adjourned October 30th in Amoy. The meetings lasted for ten days, and very busy days they were. The Assembly was unusually successful and is a cause for great encouragement. Every Synod was represented. Furthermore, the outstanding leadership of each Synod was present. Altogether there were over 70 official commissioners, representing 16 Synods, of whom 18 were missionaries. In addition to that there were more than 20 fraternal delegates and official representatives of missionary societies, bringing the total number up to more than 100.

The host was the South-Fukien or Minnan Synod. It would be very difficult for any General Assembly anywhere to find a more charming host and still more difficult to find a more charming place than Kulangsu for such a gathering. The South-Fukien Synod is one of our strongest Synods. It was the pioneer in Chinese church unity. Almost three-quarters of a century ago did the Chinese churches of the English Presbyterian Missionary Society and the Reformed Church in America unite to form one Chinese Church. Furthermore in Kulangsu we have the largest church of our communion. Twice every Sunday morning is that large church crowded to the doorway, first with young people and later with the older members of the congregation for an inspiring hour of worship. This Synod has made the largest progress toward self-support. One of the district associations is wholly self-supporting.

The preparation which the local churches had made in the way of special music and religious drama for the entertainment of the commissioners was of an unusually high order. The fact that the several religious plays which the youth of the church presented on successive days were in "kuo yu"—the national language

—indicates the rapidity with which the "kuo yu" is spreading throughout China.

I have time only briefly to point out some of the high lights of the General Assembly Meeting, leaving it to a later Occasional Letter to provide more of the details.

Unity of Spirit: Everybody was deeply impressed by the unity of spirit. Never at any time on any subject were the commissioners divided either regionally or along old denominational lines, and whenever differences of opinion did appear, they were always expressed in the spirit of Christian forbearance and sportsmanship.

Additional Communion: The General Assembly was encouraged by the addition of four new Synods since the Second Meeting of the General Assembly. We find an increasing interest in our united Church among those not yet part of the Church of Christ in China and there are at the present time of writing three communions negotiating with the hope of becoming a part of the Church of Christ in China and enriching it by their special contributions.

Indigenous Order of Service: The General Assembly adopted for tentative use a specially prepared order of service for weddings, funerals, baptism, dedication of infants, the Lord's Supper, the ordination of ministers, etc. All of these are noteworthy, because they are, I believe, the first attempt on the part of Chinese Christians of any communion to give an indigenous expression to these historic forms of worship of the Christian Church. It is unnecessary to say that in the essentials they do not differ from the order of worship and forms of service in use by the Protestant communions of the West.

Youth: It is encouraging to note that the General Assembly gave a great emphasis to the place of youth in the life

and work of the Church. This is indicated by the following resolution:

"RESOLVED, That each Synod and district association or presbytery should, having regard to local conditions, promote and organize in the churches in their areas youth fellowships—that Christian youth together with other like-minded youth may in this form of fellowship mutually attain their fullest life, putting into effect the commission of Christ and thus establishing the Kingdom of God among men.

"Each local church youth fellowship should have the following four characteristics:

"1. Spiritual nurture: Each and every member of such a fellowship should have a quiet devotional period, engaging in group worship and thus enrich his or her spiritual life.

"2. Fellowship life: They should share in mutual help each other's life in both spiritual and material resources.

"3. Each and every member should cultivate a scientific spirit, find out the truth and put it into application in his or her daily life.

"4. Concrete effort: Each and every member should give expression in a concrete form of the truth as he sees it, to serve men and make Christ known."

Evangelism: The General Assembly gave a clarion call to renewed emphasis of evangelism and yet at the same time gave emphasis to need of a comprehensive program of religious education. A simple but practical program was adopted for the Christianizing of the home, and there was outlined a large variety of the ways whereby the individual churches or groups of churches can give practical application of the Gospel of Christ to the social and economic life of their community.

On Sunday morning, October 22, Dr. C. Y. Cheng preached an inspiring sermon to a great congregation in the Kulangsu Church. About one thousand people were present, and these included, apart from the commissioners to Assembly, many of the leading citizens of Amoy. Dr. Cheng gave a resume of events in China during the past three years, both in the life of the nation and in the life of

the Church, likening the experience of the Church to that of Israel in the wilderness. He ended on a hopeful and challenging note, pointing out that after the period in the wilderness comes the opportunity to enter the Promised Land—unknown, but full of hope if we follow God's leading.

The Third General Assembly had an adventurous spirit and decided upon some radical changes motivated largely in the interest of economy. It was voted to have the General Assembly hereafter meet quadrennially rather than triennially. The General Council is to meet biennially and its Ad Interim semi-annually. The various committees of the Church were reduced to one committee known as the Committee on the Life and Work of the Church, to consist of 24 members, three representing each of the eight major activities of the Church. This committee is to meet annually.

It was decided to transfer the headquarters of the General Assembly from the Missions Building, Shanghai, to PEIPING—the transfer to take place April 1st, 1934. This will save approximately \$4,000.00 a year for the budget of the General Assembly. Rent in Shanghai is exceedingly high. Furthermore, Peiping will bring the General Assembly office in closer proximity to nine of the Synods of the Church. This is not intended to be a permanent move. It is most probable that after six or eight years in Peiping, where the General Assembly office can help strengthen the weaker Synods of the North, the headquarters will again be returned to Shanghai.

The Moderator of the General Assembly for the next four years is the Rev. Y. S. Tom, who is the General Secretary of the Kwangtung Synod, and one of the outstanding leaders in the Christian Movement in China.

The event that is giving us the greatest encouragement and cause for thanksgiving is the election of Dr. C. Y. Cheng as the *General Secretary* of the General Assembly. He has accepted the call and hopes to be able to enter upon his duties on January 1st, 1934. Dr. T. Y. Fan and myself were elected as Executive Secretaries of the General Assembly. I

am sure you will all rejoice with us in securing this noteworthy leadership of our outstanding Chinese Christian who has so ably served as Moderator for the past six years. As General Secretary,

Dr. Cheng will be able to bring into the life and work of the Church his leadership and his rich personality to a degree which was not possible as Moderator. Shanghai, China.

American School for Boys, Baghdad

THE American School for Boys, Baghdad, this last year attained the status of a real school. Never was the public so pleased with its good work as it was this year. The relations with the Iraq government also were most friendly. Iraq was admitted into the League of Nations in the fall of 1932, the same week that the School opened, and somehow or other a new enthusiasm and a finer spirit entered the school with this historic act. It became, however, more difficult to collect the fees due to the extended period of the financial depression.

The average attendance throughout the year was over 400. The enrollment of paid students at the beginning of the year was 420. This was made possible despite the fact that another American institution of learning opened its door only a block and a half from our school. The increase over former years was mainly in the beginning classes and the graduating classes. Twenty-two were graduated this last year from the High School and eight received certificates showing that they had completed the work of Freshmen.

Great improvements were made in the Boarding Department. The number of inside students, at any time, throughout the year was from thirty-seven to forty. The bungalow rented by the school was transformed into an ideal dining room, and an American lady lived in the building, who supervised the meals and the cooking. She took an unusual interest and pride in her work and the students learned how to conduct themselves at the table.

A number of other improvements in organization and equipment were also made. The growing library, which has now nearly 1,500 books, was carefully classified and catalogued by Dr. Harvey Bassler, who gave five months of voluntary service to the school and who also donated a number of valuable books to the library. Besides, he created a museum for

the school of the natural products of the land and the manufactured articles. These articles, properly labeled, are exhibited in a cabinet and are of value and interest to the people of the land as well as visitors. A biological laboratory, including a small herbarium, was also developed this year. The serving of a cup of warm milk in the middle of the forenoon from our kitchen, though paid for by the parents, was another happy idea—an act which was lauded far and wide.

Moreover, the school has improved its teaching and advanced its standards. A number of teachers' conferences were held during the year and a book on the methods of teaching was studied. Some of the Freshman students took the Matriculation Examination of the London University in the hope of being sent to England by the Iraq government for further study. One of our students passed this examination so successfully that he was placed in the First Division. The records show that only twenty-four students besides himself out of an examining list of over 4,000 are on this honor list. This was a great achievement for the school. The school also takes recognition of the fact that one of our High School graduates went to Rollins College, Winter Park, Florida, four years ago and that he graduated this year with honors and led his class. Not a few of our graduated students every year enter the American University of Beirut and we have the record that within the last five years not a student ever failed in his class. One of the Freshmen also took the Baccalaureate Examination under the Ministry of Education this year.

Many and varied were the activities of the school. The work of the Brotherhood, the Sunday evening services, the meetings of the Arabic Societies, the intermural athletic contests went on as usual. The school held its fourth annual Field Day at which over a thousand invited guests were present. The declamation contests, one

in English and the other in Arabic, were delightful public functions. So also were our Christmas programs, the one given by the Primary School being of an exceptionally high order. The High School students at their program presented "Why the Chimes Rang." Mention should also be made of the Alumni Reception and the Baccalaureate Sermon, both of which in spirit and attendance were unique. The International Relations Club under the auspices of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace was also organized this year and successfully carried out. Music was also studied for the first time this year.

A few events of the year, however, stand out with great prominence. The one was the meeting in memory of Ahmed Shawki Beg, a great Arab poet, who died last year. The great poets and literary men of Iraq were on the program, and their speeches and poems were later gathered into a book and printed by the school. The Arabic Oratorical Contest, where original productions were given by eight students, was another great and never-to-be-forgotten affair. The people were amazed at what our students could do, and some of the orations were published, not only in Iraq, but also in the Egyptian papers. The meeting was held under the patronage of the Minister of Education, who was present and made a speech. The Arabic play, entitled "The Fall of Ctesiphon," was written by one of the teachers of the school, and was declared by all who saw it that in interest, dramatic value and literary excellence, it was the best drama that was ever given in Baghdad by students. The play was enacted three times and a goodly sum was realized by the school.

Of all the public events Commencement was the most impressive and wonderful. In spirit, in the program rendered, in the number and the type of people who were present, in dignity, this was by far the finest public function ever given by the school. One thing that helped to make these graduating exercises a super-fine affair was the presence of H. E. Rashid Ali Beg Gaylani, the Prime Minister. He honored the school not only by his presence, but had consented to speak; he was the guest speaker at the Eighth Annual

Commencement and his speech contained words of wisdom, which were uttered with sincerity and deep feeling.

The American School for Boys has been on very friendly terms with the Ministry of Education and the Iraq Government. We were the only private or foreign school that was invited to participate in the inter-scholastic contests. We were given a place with fourteen other schools of Iraq—all government schools but ours—in the Inter-Scholastic Field Day, and were awarded a cup, receiving the third place in the contest. In like manner we were asked to be represented in the Inter-Scholastic Oratorical Contest, where we won the second prize, a proof of the excellent Arabic taught in our school. When the Minister of Education spoke at our own Oratorical Contest he began by saying: "It is a source of great pleasure and satisfaction to me to learn about the wonderful public programs given by the American School every now and then in the attempt of providing encouragement for the students to study the Arabic language and literature and to foster among them the spirit of emulation." He then spoke of the friendly relations that exist between the Ministry of Education and the School.

When the Prime Minister spoke at the Commencement he gave the highest praises to the School and its Principal. He sought out of the Arabic language the noblest words to describe his love, his admiration and kindly feelings for what the school is doing for the education of the youth of Iraq and the uplift of the country.

The school has begun to emphasize the nationalistic spirit more than ever, but not at a sacrifice of its Christian idealism and Christian teachings. All students, as heretofore, attend the chapel services every day, study the Bible, and withal come to the Sunday evening service, attendance at which is altogether voluntary. What is lacking is adequate buildings in which to do this fine work, and we trust that in a few years we can have our own buildings and then do a still finer work and save thousands of dollars that are yearly sunk into rentals for houses that were never built for school purposes.

CALVIN K. STAUDT.

The Woman's Missionary Society

GRETA P. HINKLE, EDITOR



A CHRISTMAS SCENE AT MORIOKA, JAPAN, 1932

Four hundred children attended the Christmas programs held by the various departments in our Christian Educational Building in Morioka

Enriching Our Spiritual Life Through Prayer Fiftieth Anniversary Message

PRAYER is universal. All people do "seek God, if haply they might feel after Him and find Him." It is a dominant desire planted in the soul of every human being. Some turn to prayer as a safety appliance, as a measure of protection founded upon fear. But those who do so have not found the real joy that may be realized. For Prayer is more than this—Prayer is a communion with our Maker and Preserver. It involves the vivid consciousness that He is present. It means not only bringing Him our joys and sorrows as well as perplexities but

it means also listening to His voice so that He may direct our course in life.

When our Master prayed, He felt a presence, a lofty experience, a personal contact with the Father. His was a life of Friendship with God. In preparing for His ministry He spent forty days and forty nights in communion with His Father and during His ministry many entire nights were spent in prayer. How presumptuous for a Christian to think he can live a single day without a season of prayer and meditation. Even a few minutes spent in Christ's society every day, if it be face to face and heart to heart, will make the whole life different. Per-

haps the greatest consequence of prayer is just this atmosphere which the life carries away with it from a communion with God. A vital and sustaining friendship with God becomes a force and a privilege. And as He becomes a power in the life of the individual so will He become a power in our Societies and Guilds. For the spirit of the individuals determines the spirit and power of our organizations.

With most of the members of our Woman's Missionary Societies and Girls' Missionary Guilds the daily time must be divided. We may compare it with the land of our country. According to size the District in which our Federal Government is placed is small and yet we know that it is pre-eminently powerful, for our Government is there. Nothing goes on in all the states which is out of the control and influence of this District. So may our daily season of deliberate prayer be, even though short in length of time. May it determine our every thought and word and deed. May all power issue from it and all questions come back to it for settlement.

"Lord, what a change within us one short hour

Spent in Thy presence will avail to make!

What heavy burdens from our bosoms take;

What parched grounds refresh, as with a shower!

We kneel, and all around us seems to lower;

We rise, and all the distant and the near

Stands forth in sunny outline, brave and clear!

We kneel, how weak! we rise, how full of power!

Why, therefore, should we do ourselves this wrong,

Or others, that we are not always strong;

That we are ever overborne with care;
That we should ever weak or heartless be,
Anxious or troubled, when with us is prayer,

And joy and strength and courage are with Thee?" —*Trench.*

MRS. H. W. HABERKAMP.

Belvidere, Tennessee.

1934 Prayer Calendar

"**T**HY Kingdom Come" is the theme of the 1934 Prayer Calendar — Thy Kingdom Come in our own hearts, in our homes, in our schools, in our community, in the Christian Church in America, in our economic relations, political relations, in relationship of race with race, in the Christian Church in Japan, in the Christian Church in China, in the new republic of Iraq, in relationship of nation with nation.

The make-up of the Calendar is to be the same as that of last year, the cover being designed by Mrs. George Mess whose beautiful cover pages have graced a number of our Prayer Calendars. It was difficult to find a cover design suited to the theme. Finally, however, it was decided that since it is impossible for His Kingdom to come unless we place Christ in the very center of life, a drawing of the Christ of the Andes would be very appropriate.

Some years ago when war between Chile and Argentina seemed inevitable, arbitration averted the tragedy. Not only was this war prevented, but the two countries proposed to eliminate the possibility of any war in the future. It was agreed that on the boundary line high in the Andes, between Chile and Argentina, a statue of Christ, the Prince of Peace, should be erected. This was to stand perpetually as a memorial to the peace pact between the two nations. The monument is of bronze, twenty-six feet in height. The left hand of the Christ supports the cross and his right hand is outstretched in blessing. On the base of the statue are two tablets, one presented by the working-men of Buenos Aires and the other by the working-women. Inscribed on one of these tablets are these words:

"Sooner shall these mountains crumble into dust than shall the Argentines and Chileans break the peace which they

have pledged at the feet of Christ the Redeemer."

The statue was dedicated as a symbol for peace to the whole world. Its erection brought the ideals of Christ into practice.

And still the Christ stands there—on the crest of the Andes—lifting the symbols of His gospel so that all who come may know that His spirit has been built into the life of these nations.

Christ of the Andes, Christ of Everywhere,

Great lover of the hills, the open air,
And patient lover of impatient men
Who blindly strive and sin and strive
again,—

Thou Living Word, larger than any creed,
Thou Love Divine, uttered in human
deed,—

Oh, teach the world, warring and wander-
ing still,

Thy way of peace, the footpath of Good
Will! —HENRY VAN DYKE.

Life Members and Members in Memoriam

Two of the memberships conferred this month are from Girls' Missionary Guilds. Congratulations to these groups for the way in which they are rendering service to others and conferring honor on those near and dear to them.

Life Members

Eastern Synod

Tohickon Classis — Mrs. E. O. Steely,
Doylestown, Pa.

Potomac Synod

Juniata Classis — Mrs. Irene Hicks
Stewart, 2509 Dysart Avenue, Altoona,
Pa.

Virginia Classis—Mrs. D. E. Remsberg,
607 Maiden Lane, Roanoke, Virginia.

Zion's Classis — Mrs. Jacob C. Rutter,
427 Park Street, York, Pa.

Members in Memoriam

Eastern Synod

East Pennsylvania Classis—Mrs. Carrie
Mae Labar, Mt. Bethel, Pa.

Pittsburgh Synod

West New York Classis—Mrs. Lillian R.
Kissinger, Main Street, Ebenezer, N. Y.

Potomac Synod

Mercersburg Classis — Miss Mary S.
Faust, Church Street, Mercersburg, Pa.

Zion's Classis—Miss Edna May Andrews,
319 N. Penn Street, York, Pa.; Mrs. F.
Marion Dick, 425 Park Street, York,
Pa.; Mrs. Henrietta Newman, 6 North
Main Street, Red Lion, Pa.

Synodical Meetings

(Continued from last issue)

Eastern

I LIKE the picture of the 46th annual sessions of the Woman's Missionary Society of Eastern Synod, for it grows upon us, and abides. Its frame is old, for Salem, Harrisburg, has a long and worthy history; and as we draw aside the curtain, we hear again the music of organ, harp, voice, cello and violin, and the warmth of hospitality hovers all about.

"Facing the Task" has more lights than shadows. We were privileged to hear not only our missionary, Dr. Paul L. Gerhard, Japan, and mingle with eight other missionaries, three missionary mothers, and the wives of three home-missionaries, but we heard none other than Miss Yi-

Fang Wu, Ph.D., president of Ginling College, Nanking, China. Nor shall we forget the morning, we, by the out-pouring of more than \$305.00, helped make it possible for the Gerhards to return to Sendai.

Sustained effort was reported along so many lines, that each of us 335 registered delegates resolved anew to dim the shadows of a net membership loss of 434; a decrease of 242 OUTLOOK OF MISSIONS readers; 234 churches without societies; and a Thank Offering loss of 1,400 boxes and \$2,547.38.

By no means the dimmest light in our picture is our record in General Synodical circles. We have retained not only the

Woman's Missionary Society banner, but the Girls' Missionary Guild and Mission Band; Philadelphia Classis has the greatest number of readers in the church at large, and our Eastern Synodical Guilds, the greatest number of reading course units. Then, too, Mrs. T. J. Gabel, Goshenhoppen Classis, is the first and only General Synodical Honorary Patron Member.

Nine societies were gained; Guilds increased by 11, comprising 133; four new Mission Bands report 251 members. There are now 64 Gold Star Churches in our synod. Six societies and 11 Guilds reported 100 percent participation in the Reading Course; 2,131 women readers, an increase of 271, earned 43,303½ units; 729 Guild readers, an increase of 75, made a Guild record of 13,328 ½ units; and there were 392 readers in 27 Mission Bands.

More Stewardship Packets were read; members of the Fellowship of Stewardship totaled 72; 23 more stewardship essays were written, and nine Stewardship classes and 27 group discussions were held. Christian Citizenship readers were almost doubled, numbering 1,449, and the total of My Covenant Card signers reached 321. Thank Offering services featured 81 speakers and 117 pageants, and the 10,049 boxes, 1,359 of which were used by non-members, contained \$11,413.52: W. M. S., \$9,998.04; G. M. G., \$1,092.86; Mission Band, \$322.62. Study groups are increasing; 4,403 prayer calendars, a gain of 450, were used. Nineteen Life Members were added, and nine Members in Memoriam, 2,857 attended the 18 Congresses held in 10 Classes. Mission Bands total 85 with a membership of 3,118 and Guilds 139, with 2,090.

The treasurer handled \$34,098.68, \$2,225.14 of which was given to the Missionary Home at Lancaster, and \$144.64 for Christmas gifts to 54 missionary children at home and abroad.

Bright, too, was the light that the playlet, "The Sale of the World's Children" gave us; the gleams that shone from the eyes of more than 300 Guild and Society members who supped together and heard Miss Ruth Heinmiller. Nor will the light that group conferences shed upon our work as a whole, nor the reception, the

fellowship dinner, Holy Communion and the devotionals, and the addresses by Mrs. J. L. Roush, Mrs. C. A. Smucher and Dr. Mudge be forgotten.

"Facing the Facts"—Though we draw the curtain, the picture abides.

ALLIENE DECHANT SELTZER.

(Mrs. W. V. R.),

Bethlehem, Pa.

Ohio

The eleventh annual convention of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Ohio Synod was held in Trinity Church, Canton, O., Rev. H. N. Kerst, D.D., pastor, September 26 to 28.

The keynote of the meeting, "Christ Lives," was impressively sounded by the president, Mrs. F. E. Boigegrain, of Wooster, at the opening of the first session. "Divine Renewals," the devotional theme for the entire program, was clearly developed under the divisions of Divine Desire, Repentance, Wisdom, Guidance and Peace.

Mrs. H. N. Kerst, in her cordial greeting, recalled the fact that just ten years ago it had been her happy privilege to welcome delegates to this same church when the present Ohio Synodical Society was organized by the union of the Woman's Missionary Society of Ohio and Central Synods.

Inspirational messages were brought by Miss Lydia A. Lindsey from Miyagi College; Mrs. D. J. Snyder, of Greensburg, Pa., who challenged the women to Look Forward to the Fiftieth Anniversary; Mrs. J. M. Brucken, New Bremen, President of the Woman's Union of Ohio District Evangelical Synod; Mrs. Grace Baughman, North Canton, President of Stark County W. C. T. U., and Mrs. C. I. Lau, of Swanton, who spoke to the girls at the banquet hour on the subject of "Making Life Count."

Very well received was the message brought by Miss Ona Wagner, Dean of Women at Heidelberg College, in which she clearly presented our college in its various activities and achievements. Rev. J. F. Youngen, Wooster, outlined the work of Ohio Synod's "New School" and Mrs. G. C. Fretz, of Akron, with a large map and the use of green and gold seals, brought the convention the "Fertile Fields" of Ohio.

Delegates were entertained and inspired by the marionettes, cleverly illustrating Thank Offering Ships, made and operated by Martha Blemker, of Canton. The playlet, "The House of Do What You Can," was given by the Mission Band of First Church, Canton. The pageant, "The Challenge of the Cross," given by the guilds of Canton, directed by Mrs. Anna Miller, was a most impressive service. This was followed by a candle lighting service in which 92 girls took part.

A review of the mission study books proved to be a very helpful part of the program. Mrs. F. R. Casselman, Tiffin, Thank Offering Secretary, and Mrs. W. Amstutz, Bluffton, Literature Secretary, reviewed those for the Woman's Missionary Society; Mrs. H. L. V. Shinn, Toledo, College Secretary, those for the Guild; and Miss Sara Jo Schilling, from the Cleveland office, had charge of the children's books.

The treasurer reported total receipts of \$23,897.28. 1945 women reported 32,928 units of reading during this first year of the triennium.

There were 195 registered delegates and more than 300 were seated at the Guild Banquet table. From the opening to the close of the sessions, the delegates were much impressed by the wonderful hospitality of Trinity church and the assisting Reformed churches of Canton. One of the many delightful events planned by way of recreation was a sight-seeing trip in and around Canton.

MRS. E. E. ZECHIEL,

Akron, Ohio.

Northwest

Delegates and officers, numbering about 60, as well as many visitors at the 14th annual convention of the Woman's Missionary Society of Northwest Synod, held at Manitowoc, Wisconsin, on October 7 and 8, went home filled with inspiration and enthusiasm to carry on the Master's work.

The earnestness of the times seemed to give real meaning to the convention theme, "Hereunto Have Ye Been Called." Devotions in keeping with this thought, led by Mrs. Paul Grosshuesch and Miss Ida Gregerich, encouraged those present to emphasize the worthwhile things in life and thereby develop spiritually.

Reports of officers and secretaries were encouraging, but challenging. The following are some of the facts they disclosed:

The Woman's Missionary Societies, Guilds and Mission Bands in this Synod contributed a total of \$4,546.41 during the past year. The Woman's Missionary Society totals 707 members in 32 societies; a gain of 64 new members minus a loss of 55 left a net gain of 9 members. The increase in membership came through the organization of two new societies in Oregon. The Secretary of Literature reported 394 women and 153 girls participating in the Reading Course. Several societies and guilds report 100% of their members reading. The women and girls of the synod earned a total of 9,649½ units last year. The total Thank Offering for the year was \$1,879.02. Northwest Synod now has 54 Life Members. The Guild Secretary reported 275 Guild members, a decrease of 12. Seventy-seven girls attended the first separate Guild Institute during the Mission House Conference.

The Mission House was designated as the object for the special Fiftieth Anniversary Gifts for all of Northwest Synod.

We were proud and thankful for the reports of all departments; we were glad to see the willingness of the Guild girls in taking charge of the Saturday evening meeting; we were kept interested at all times by the capable management of all details by the officers in charge; but the most worthwhile parts of this convention, as they should be of all such gatherings, were the stirring addresses by Dr. A. V. Casselman who presented our work in Japan, and Superintendent Benj. Stucki who told of the present-day needs of the Winnebago Indians. By these two men we were shown that many people the wide world over now, as perhaps never before, need the help and sympathy of all Christian people. Dr. Casselman showed that the Japanese—and the same is true of other Orientals—are making great sacrifices for the Christian religion. Mr. Stucki appealed to us to use the slogan, "Give until it hurts"—giving something we *need* and not merely that which we could get along without.

At all of the sessions, there was beautiful music. Our entire stay was much enjoyed because of the very cordial hospitality shown by the hostess group.

MRS. KATHRYN THEILER.

New Glarus, Wisconsin.

Pittsburgh

The Woman's Missionary Society of Pittsburgh Synod met in St. Peter's Church, DuBois, Pa., October 5 and 6. Mrs. Paul J. Dundore conducted the worship services, and challenged the women to "Face the Task," "Plan Together" and "Work Together" for the Master. All three steps are vital and necessary to success in the work of Christian missionary women. The president in her address reviewed the work of the year and looked forward to greater accomplishments. Rev. J. Frank Bucher, in his address—"The Indigenous Chinese Church," presented some of the difficulties facing the missionaries in China in their struggle for better methods of presenting the message, and urged the women to support with their prayers and sympathy, as well as their means, this work.

Among the recommendations, the Woman's Missionary Society declared itself as opposed to the repeal of the Eighteenth Amendment, and resolved to do its part toward retaining the Christian Sabbath, and in discouraging the use of cigarettes among Christian women and girls.

Two special features marked the meeting: A Diagnostic Clinic in charge of "Doctor" M. G. Schucker, and "Specialist" Hershey, in which all the departmental secretaries were examined and their cases diagnosed by the specialist. Sound advice and considerable truth were meted out in liberal doses. Looking forward to the coming of the 50th Anniversary, a symposium reviewing the history of the Reformed Church was presented by Mesdames Trescher, Gelbach and Snyder.

The G. M. G. Banquet, in charge of Mrs. H. F. Loch, carried out the theme: "Building Together a New World," with speakers, Mrs. Black, Mrs. Summerville and Mrs. Smith presenting different phases of building. Rev. J. Frank Bucher was guest of honor at the banquet, and brought a brief message from his experience in China.

The West New York Classical Woman's Missionary Society was received into the Pittsburgh Synodical Society. Mrs. D. J. Snyder extended the greetings and Mrs. J. W. Neville, President of West New York, responded. A spirit of optimism pervaded the entire meeting. In the words of the retiring president, "The women of Pittsburgh Synod have looked beyond the darkness of today and are facing a promising tomorrow."

(Mrs. H. F.) ESTHER K. LOCH.

Changes in Synodical Officers and Departmental Secretaries

EASTERN

Statistical Secretary—Mrs. John K. Stoudt, Leesport, Pa.

Literature—Mrs. Harry Gilbert, 41 N. 4th St., Reading, Pa.

Historian—Miss Rosa E. Ziegler, 440 N. 7th St., Lebanon, Pa.

MIDWEST

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Summary of the Report of the Treasurer, Woman's Missionary Society of General Synod, May to October, 1933

Receipts from the Synods.....	\$25,033.00
Miscellaneous receipts	6,805.46
	\$31,838.46

Pittsburgh and Midwest Synodical Societies have overpaid budget for both the Woman's Missionary Society and Girls' Missionary Guild. All others are in arrears. There has been a very marked decrease in special gifts.

Disbursements

Home Missions	\$15,475.49
Foreign Missions	12,260.76
*Educational Aid for Miss Myers	600.00
**Deficit for 1932-33 Budgets.....	616.69
***Salaries for Deaconesses for 1 month	806.64
Dues and Appropriations for Interdenominational Work	1,245.00
Books, Literature, Printing, etc.	4,843.57
****Promotional Work	5,941.05
	\$41,789.20

*For study of midwifery at Livingstone College, London.

**Transferred from balance found in Promotional Fund last May to make up deficits in 1932-1933 budget receipts.

***See recommendation No. 6, page 63, 1932 Cabinet Minutes.

****Includes salaries and rent (5 months), expenses of Cabinet Meeting, Depository expenses, officers' and secretaries' expenses, partial expense of Institutes, representation to denominational and interdenominational Boards and Conferences and Bethel Center repairs.

Included in the disbursements for Home Missions is \$6,000 for Pleasant Valley Church, Dayton, Ohio; in those for Foreign Missions is \$940 for Hospital Work in China, interest accruing from the General Hospital Fund.

"Happy Birthday to You"

THE arrival of a fiftieth or sixtieth anniversary is an occasion for celebration in the life of any organization and when those fifty or sixty years have been filled with service for others what rejoicing such a time affords. Recently two Missionary Societies in Eastern Synod observed such anniversaries and the accounts of the observances will be of interest to others.

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Fifty years—to the day—from the date of its first meeting, the Woman's Missionary Society of First Church, Lancaster, Pa., observed its golden anniversary. The celebration was really opened on Sunday, October 29, with a special missionary sermon delivered by Dr. A. V. Casselman. The observance on November 1, the anniversary day, was in the nature of a reception attended by about 150 people.

The recently renovated social rooms made a very gay appearance decked with

golden chrysanthemums and pom-poms, ivy and bronze hydrangeas. The tea table was set with a lovely golden tea set and brass candelabra.

A string ensemble, led by Prof. Frederick S. Klein, of Franklin and Marshall College, played several selections. Another musical treat was the duet, "Who Shall Blameless Stand" from "Stabat Mater," sung by Mrs. Paul Schaffner and Mrs. Ralph Hill. Greetings from the Woman's Missionary Society of Lancaster Classis were brought by the President, Mrs. O. S. Frantz. To these Mrs. George S. Stoler responded. Of interest to all, because of the manner in which it was prepared and presented, was the history compiled by Miss Mary Ranck and Mrs. Nevin Wolfe. The address was delivered by Dr. Charles E. Creitz from Reading. Remarks by the pastor, Rev. W. H. Bollman, closed this more formal part of the program over which Mrs. Harris Arnold presided.



MEMBERS OF ST. PAUL'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY, MAHANOH CITY, PA., TAKEN AFTER THE 60TH ANNIVERSARY SERVICE. MISS IDA MOYER, PRESIDENT, SEATED CENTER FRONT; TO RIGHT OF HER, MISS KERSCHNER; TO LEFT OF PRESIDENT, MRS. SCHELLHASE, MRS. ARTHUR SMITH, MR. SMITH

During the social hour, each one was given a small cupcake iced in yellow, topped by a tiny yellow candle. These were lighted by Guild girls carrying tapers. When all candles were aglow, the entire group sang "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow." In the receiving line were Mr. and Mrs. Bollman, Dr. and Mrs. Creitz, Mrs. O. S. Frantz, Mrs. Paul E. Schaffner and Miss Helen Hickman, President of the Society. Friends from other missionary societies in the city, from the college and seminary were present. All in all, it was an occasion long to be remembered.

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In connection with the 70th anniversary of the founding of the church and the 25th of the erection of the present edifice, the Missionary Society of St. Paul's Church, Mahanoy City, Pa., celebrated the 60th anniversary of its organization on November 14.

The history given by Mrs. H. F. Newhard revealed the fact that one of the first pieces of Home Missionary work of the society was the education of one of its members for the gospel ministry. Seven of its members have become clergymen, one was commissioned for Home Mission work (Carrie M. Kerschner), and two for Foreign Mission work (Harriet and Arthur Smith).

Greetings were brought from the Woman's Missionary Society of Schuylkill Classis by the President, Mrs. A. E. Schellhase. The anniversary speakers were Miss Carrie M. Kerschner and Prof. Arthur Smith. Miss Kerschner delivered the address at the fiftieth anniversary service, also.

Queries

1. Why was a drawing of the Christ of the Andes selected as a cover page for the 1934 Prayer Calendar?
2. At which Synodical Meeting was a Classical Society welcomed into that Synod?
3. What economy does Miss Heimiller ask of Guild girls?
4. How many children attended the Christmas programs in the Christian Educational Building in Morioka, Japan?
5. What is the purpose of sunshine bags?

Literature Chat

CARRIE M. KERSCHNER

"The earth has grown old with its burden of care,
But at Christmas it always is young."

THUS sang the poet many years ago and we pray that the Yuletide may find a "young" and impressionistic folk on which "The voice of the Christ-child shall fall." May it fall with a deep and resonant tone on each reader of these words!

The World Day of Prayer material should be ordered early. Programs 2c each, \$2.00 per 100. "Call" is free for postage. Posters 5c each.

It is time to be thinking of the Lenten Mission Study Class or School of Missions. The Foreign Mission books are "The Never Failing Light," 60c paper, \$1.00 cloth; Leaders' Helps for same, 20c; "Eastern Women Today and Tomorrow," 50c paper, \$1.00 cloth; "How to Use," 15c. Girls' Guilds are continuing the use of "Builders of a New World," 60c paper, \$1.00 cloth. Leaders' Helps for this book cost 10c. The Builders' Tools recommended for use during January and February are "Adventures in Understanding," \$1.00, and "Russia, My Home," \$3.50.

Leaders of children's groups will be using the following material: "The Call Drum" (primary), 75c paper, \$1.00 cloth; "In the African Bush" (junior), 75c paper, cloth \$1.00. For younger boys and girls, "The Book of an African Baby," 40c; programs based on this book are found in the Mission Band Packet (50c), separately they sell for 10c each. With the book you will want to use "An African Picture Game," 20c; Picture Map of Africa, 50c; Directions for Making an African Village, 25c; Boys and Girls of Africa, a packet of six pictures to be colored and mounted 15c; Africa Picture Stories, 50c; African Picture Sheet, 25c. Window Transparencies to be used with the programs based on our

own work are sold 2 sets of three pictures for 5c, a dozen sets for 25c.

The beautiful Prayer Calendar will make an acceptable Christmas greeting. 15c each; \$1.50 per dozen in lots of a dozen or more.

"At last our dull Earth listens:

Peace! Good will!

The Star of Bethlehem glistens
Nearer, nearer still."

Those residing in the area of the Eastern Depository order from the Woman's Missionary Society, 416 Schaff Building, 1505 Race Street, Philadelphia, Pa. Those residing in the area of the Western Depository order from the Woman's Missionary Society, 2969 W. 25th Street, Cleveland, Ohio.

Girls' Missionary Guild

RUTH HEINMILLER, SECRETARY

Cleveland, Ohio.

Merry Christmas to you all, Guild Girls:

May you have much joy this month in doing things for others; visiting the shut-ins, carolling, preparing food for the needy, and giving of your time and talent to the services in your church!

As you plan for 1934 I want to remind you of a very important date, February 16th. On that date Christians around the world will unite in a service of prayer. A program for young people is being arranged and will be available at the Depositories. Plan to unite with all the young people of your community in this observance of the World Day of Prayer.

Because we are trying to economize we are going to ask you to take very good care of your Thank Offering boxes so that you will be able to use them for more than one year. I hope you did not destroy them after the Thank Offering Service.

Recently I learned that in a certain Guild each girl gives to the group a Reading Course book on her birthday. I thought you might like to try this way of building up a library in your Guild.

In another Guild the girls are using sunshine bags. Each girl has a bag and every day that the sun shines she puts in a penny or nickel or whatever amount is decided upon by the Guild. The bags are then collected at stated intervals. The money received is used for a special missionary project. I think you would enjoy doing this or something similar. Perhaps you would like to use rainy day bags

and drop in a coin each day it rains.

I want you to rejoice with me over the number of new Guilds that have been recently organized. Perhaps you would like to send a word of greeting to the presidents. In Eastern Synod a Guild was organized at Willow Street Church, Lancaster County, Pa., by Mrs. Clarence Kelley and Miss Ruth Garber with 9 charter members. The president is Miss Kathryn Mylin, Willow Street, Pa. In Northwest Synod one was organized at Ebenezer Church, Chilton, Wis., by Mrs. Rose T. Schneider with 10 charter members. The president is Miss Alice Baumann, 421 N. Madison Street, Chilton, Wis. There were two Guilds organized in Ohio Synod. One at First Church, Kenton, was organized by the local Woman's Missionary Society with 14 charter members. The president is Miss Mary Louise Koch, S. High Street, Kenton, O. The other Guild was organized at East Market Street Church, Akron, O., by Mrs. D. Brubaker and Miss Sara Jo Schilling with 13 charter members. The president is Miss Daun Spade, 37 Carlton Drive, Akron, O. In Potomac Synod a Guild was organized at Heidelberg Church, Marion, Pa., by Mrs. Louise Gipe with 10 charter members. The president is Miss Hazel Detweiler, Marion, Pa. Our sincere wishes for great things go out to these girls.

With kindest wishes to you all, I am,

Cordially yours,

RUTH HEINMILLER.

Mission Band

A Successful Trial

SOME said it could and some said it could not be done but with faith and determination efforts were made to hold a Mission Band Rally in Virginia Classis. It was so successful that plans were made at the conclusion of the Rally to hold another next year.

Mrs. O. B. Michael, the Classical Mission Band Secretary, had written letters to all the leaders and told them the plans about holding the meeting at Woodstock, Va. As a result, 111 children, representing nine Bands, were present with their leaders. Some had driven 60 miles to attend.

The suggested program, "A Friendly Rally" was used. All the Bands present were represented on the program. While the children were having a friendly play hour together at the conclusion of the program the leaders met in a conference period at which time Mrs. Guy Benchoff, Mission Band Secretary of Potomac Synod, and Mrs. O. B. Michael presented methods and materials and especially urged the leaders to "Go Forward."

This Rally was indeed worth the trial. We challenge those of you who have never attempted a Mission Band Rally and who say it cannot be done to try one.



A Mission Band in the Northwest

Seven months old was this Mission Band when the camera caught them—only seven months, and yet they have made great progress. It is the Band of Immanuel Church, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, which is sponsored by the Woman's Missionary Society. Its leaders are Elsa Denker, Helen Huhn and Gladys Nienow. A happy group they are, deeply interested in all they are learning and doing. Since their organization they have been busy with two projects—Chinese and American Indian—and have thoroughly enjoyed their acquaintance with "Ling Yang" and their "Friends from the Forest." They were anxious that their friends across the sea know more about them and prepared a Friendship Folio to send to China. Welcome, little friends, we expect to hear even greater things from you in the years to come.

NEW MISSION BANDS

Honors go to Potomac Synod this month for having four out of the six new Bands. They are as follows:

Frieden's Church, North River, Va. Organized by the Woman's Missionary Society with 27 charter members.

Zion's Church, Baltimore, Md. Organized by Mrs. Hermina Stein with 10 charter members.

St. Paul's Church, Edinburg, Va. Organized by Mrs. O. B. Michael with 10 charter members.

At St. John's Church, Chambersburg, Pa., a Lamp Lighters' Club has been or-

ganized by Rev. W. R. Gobrecht and two superintendents with 45 members. Although this organization is not strictly a Mission Band, its program includes much of the Mission Band material. Part of the offering will be sent through the regular channels of the Mission Band.

Eastern Synod

St. Paul's Church, Allentown, Pa. Organized by Mrs. James Smith with 25 charter members.

St. John's Church, Allentown, Pa. Organized by Mrs. James Smith with 13 charter members.

A Glad Christmas

CHRISTMAS was a happy occasion in North Japan College last year. Of course, we had our usual early morning prayer service and carol singing at 6 A. M., and the children of the Sunday School had their accustomed Christmas program in the afternoon, but the high spot of the day was the regular Christmas worship service at ten o'clock in the morning, at which time 51 new members were added to the church. Of this number twenty-two were students of our Academy, nine were students of our College Department, nine were girls, chiefly of our Miyagi College, and the remainder were received from other churches by letter. It was indeed an impressive sight to see such a large band of bright young people go up to the altar to receive baptism. In Japan they seem to prefer Christmas as a time for receiving baptism; and is it not, after all, a very proper time for such a service, a very fitting day to welcome the Savior into one's own heart and to give one's life as a gift to God in gratitude for the precious gift which He sent into the world?

The ceremony was performed at the base of a Christmas tree, which had been placed beside the baptismal font. Each recipient went up in turn to the font, kneeling on the step at the altar while the pastor, Rev. Y. Akaishi, administered the rite. Soon the step became wet from the dripping water, and the Dean of the

Academy, who was aiding the pastor, took some of the cotton which had been placed on the Christmas tree to represent snow, and wiped up the water. This he did repeatedly. I do not know whether many deans would have been as thoughtful, or would have had mopping materials as handy.

There were various influences leading these students to become Christians, but undoubtedly the most potent were the teaching of the Bible and the Christian personality of the teachers in our two schools. In November in both schools we also had with us for a few days the noted Christian philosopher Iwahashi, who, though blind, has been bringing the light to thousands of his fellow-countrymen. He gave a number of addresses to our students, and they were very deeply impressed. The young people in the school church were also very active and earnest in leading others to Christ.

Of those received by letter four were teachers of our College, including Prof. and Mrs. Nicodemus who had their membership transferred from our church in Forreston, Ill.

It was a happy occasion, and one that was especially auspicious in view of the strong and persistent anti-Christian feeling that prevailed in many circles in Japan at the time.

E. H. ZAUGG.

Sendai, Japan.

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